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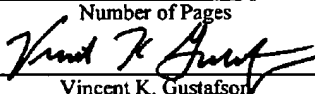
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**AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO NOVEMBER 16, 2005 OFFICE ACTION
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This responds to the November 16, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application.

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Please amend the claims as set out in the following **Section I (Amendments to the Claims)**.

Remarks relating to the Office Action and amendments made herein are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** hereof.